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SUBJ: DISCUSSION WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR ON COTTON  
CONTRACTS WITH BOLIVIA

1. IN COURTESY CALL ON JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, MASAO FIJIMOTO, OCTOBER 11, SUBJECT OF TREATMENT BY BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES OF COTTON CONTRACTS CAME UP. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ANY CONCESSION TO BOLIVIAN ACTION AS VIOLATION OF SANCTITY OF CONTRACTS WHICH WOULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT FROM JAPANESE POINT OF VIEW ON PURCHASES BY JAPAN OF COTTON FROM CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO. HE REPORTED THAT ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM TOKYO HE HAD NOT PRESENTED WRITTEN PROTEST TO BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT BUT HAD CONFINED ACTIONS TO ORAL REPRESENTATIONS THROUGH EMBASSY STAFF OFFICIAL TO SUB-SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT IN HIS JUDGMENT GOB WOULD NOT TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION WITH REGARD TO ITS DECREES OF AUGUST, NOR WOULD IT, ON THE OTHER HAND, TAKE ANY ACTION WERE THE SANTA CRUZ COTTON PRODUCERS TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH FOREIGN PURCHASERS ON A BASIS OTHER THAN THAT PROVIDED IN THE DECREE. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT INTERNATIONAL COTTON BROKERS HAVE MADE IT ALMOST

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IMPOSSIBLE FOR BOLIVIA TO SELL THE COTTON IN DISPUTE AND

PROBABLY HAVE JEOPARDIZED FUTURE CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH REPUTABLE BROKERS. ACCORDINGLY HE FEELS ADEPA AND ITS MEMBERS WILL SOON SUFFER CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR OWN SELFISH ACTS IN INDUCING GOVERNMENT TO ISSUE DECREES. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, ADEPA HAD MADE FEELER TOWARD HIM FOR SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS BUT THAT JAPAN AT THIS MOMENT HAS NO IMMEDIATE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL COTTON AND WOULD THUS WAIT OUT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HE FEELS WILL WORK AGAINST THE BOLIVIAN PRODUCERS' PRESENT POSITION.

2. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION HE HAD RECEIVED, INTERNATIONAL COTTON TRADERS WOULD HOLD MEETING IN OCTOBER DURING WHICH IT WAS HIS VIEW POSITION WOULD BE SOLIDIFIED AGAINST THE BOLIVIAN SUPPLIERS AND POSSIBLY A GROUP PROTEST WOULD BE MADE TO THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT.  
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